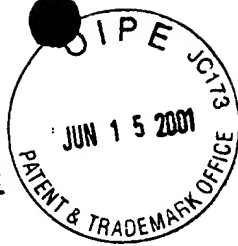


IN THE CLAIMS:



Please cancel claims 1-19 and 24-83 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

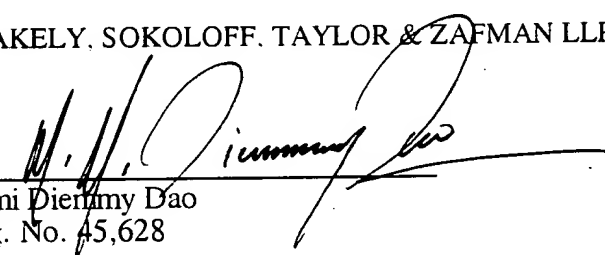
Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments. This divisional application is being filed in response to an election requirement imposed by Examiner Delisko through a phone call with our office on December 7, 2000 for parent case serial no. 09/393,405 filed on September 10, 1999. Claims 20-23 remain in this divisional application. Please enter the amendment before calculating the filing fee of the enclosed divisional application.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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